

Drainage Board Meeting

January 18, 2011

1:15 p.m. CST

Drainage Board was called to order by Auditor Donna J. Lynam. Present at meeting were: David Gogel, Mickey Toler, Al Logsdon, Donna Lynam, Surveyor Herron, Secretary of Surveyor E. Jones, and County Hwy Superintendent Chuck Painter.

Appointments

Lynam asked for a motion to appoint a President to conduct Drainage Board meetings for 2011. Gogel made a motion to appoint Logsdon, Toler seconded. Vote taken and all were in favor. Logsdon thanked everyone for the appointment as President. Logsdon asked for a motion to appoint a Vice-president in case of his absences. Gogel made a motion to appoint Toler as Boards vice-president. Logsdon seconded. Vote taken and all were in favor. Logsdon asked that a motion be made to table the appointment of a board Attorney until February meeting. Gogel made motion to table the Attorney appointment until the February Drainage Board meeting. Toler seconded it. Vote taken all were in favor.

Minutes

December 7, 2010 minutes were reviewed. Gogel made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Toler seconded it. Vote taken all were in favor.

Pigeon Creek

Surveyor Herron reported that Pigeon creek log jams were completed yesterday. They look good. All is pretty well closed out with FEMA. Surveyor's office has one more form that they will file. Logsdon asked Herron if money was encumbered from last year to compensate for the work completed. Herron said yes, when the bill comes in to him he will review and sign off on it then bring in to the Auditor's office for payment. There is \$1,509 dollars of unused funds that will be sent back to FEMA. First installment was for \$50,000 dollars. There was a 25% match. Logsdon commented on a job well done to Surveyor Herron and the many reports filed by Secretary, Mrs. E. Jones. Herron said our bids come in so much cheaper than you would think. Logsdon said we had approximately \$104,000 dollars from FEMA to work on projects. We only used about \$50,000 dollars. FEMA called Surveyor's office and wanted to know why we didn't need to use all of our money. Logsdon said we in Spencer county use common sense. Our Surveyor Herron drew up the plans and we are only allowed by FEMA to work on a limited number of drains at a time. So, we saved the Federal Government approximately \$54,000 dollars. Thank you to our contractors for a job well done.

J.C. Hoople Drain

Herron said he would like to start on the J.C. Hoople Drain. He would like to work his way up. Herron said he must wait until the Council meets tonight to obtain proper approval for Maintenance fund Appropriations to begin this project. A motion was made by Gogel to give Herron permission to draw up the specs for first section, to begin work on J.C. Hoople Drain from Pigeon Creek up to Bullock town Road (900W). Toler seconded motion. Vote taken and all was in favor. Chuck Painter said this would really help out if it could be completed. From 400N the road gets under water deep.

Caney Creek

Landowner is in favor of work to be done on Caney Creek. However, Herron wants to do one section at a time. No work at this time. (Rainy day money).

3 year Plan

Logsdon commented concerning 3 year plan Drainage report in packets, to all present. In 2007, a one of a kind, 3 year plan was prepared by a nine member Advisory Group. On the report it shows work done

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on numerous drains in 2008, 2009, and 2010. In 2009, it was a wet year but 5 drains, as was in 2008, were cleaned. In 2010, 9 streams were completed with FEMA and some Rainy Day money not taxpayer dollars. Gogel stated that it was a countywide approach that went well. Toler asked about legal drains and Herron said he would get him information. Herron is to receive an up to date schedule of the legal drains in Spencer County. Logsdon stated Jack Robinson, Attorney had prepared a very simple lease agreement for the non-legal Rainy day drains for landowners to execute. Herron stated there were only about 4 legal drains in the county. Request is to be made at Council meeting tonight to work on several drains this year along with request for Miscellaneous chemicals to be used to spray to keep the weeds down to lessen future work, if not done. Herron in the past has sprayed the ditches; last year we had cost for repair to sprayer, that is why more money was requested in this fund and possibly Baker Creek may need more work done on it. In years past Drainage Board only asked for \$50,000 initially with the understanding that if more money is needed they can come back to the council, to appropriate more funds for projects. Last year we didn't have to because FEMA helped us.

Warrick County Grant

Herron stated he was not sure how it would work. Herron stated Warrick county was only county that went after it. They hired a Grant Specialist and had a helicopter take pictures. Logsdon and Herron both had went to Indianapolis and after considering the fact that Herron would not be allowed to do part of the work and that a Federal Engineering firm could be a requirement, they declined. The cost would be approximately \$40,000 dollars; they felt money would be spent unwisely. Chuck Painter stated it would be a tremendous advantage to the county if Warrick County could get Pigeon Creek cleaned out. Herron was told that they did get the grant but it was just verbal; nothing in writing. Herron stated that it would be nice if Warrick County would put in a maintenance road. He would be able to keep it sprayed.

Huffman Drain

Logsdon stated that he had been approached by a local farmer Mr. Singleton that the (legal drain) Huffman Drain needed cleaned out (a lot of logs in the drain). Logsdon requested Herron to get with Mr. Singleton if possible before planting season to assess the Drain.

Adjourned

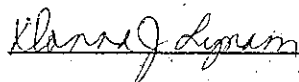
Gogel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Toler seconded. Vote was taken and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. CST.



President

Al Logsdon, President

Dated: January 18, 2011



Attested,

Donna J. Lynam, County Auditor